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1 Basically, you know, a free-marketer's dream
2 description as to why you should be locating in Mexico to
3 sell power into the U.S. market. And so I think that it's
4 just critically important that we have conditions in this
5 permit that map out exactly how we are going to know that
6 these plants are meeting their obligations and that the
7 Department of Justice or the Department of Energy do exactly
8 what they said they were going to do back in January if that
9 turbine wasn't shut off, which is you are going to lose
10 access to the transmission line. That got a response.
11 Anything less will not get a response.

12 Thank you.

13 MR. ANTHONY COMO: Thanks, Bill.

14 Denine Dawson.

15 MS. DENINE DAWSON: Good evening. My name is
16 Denine, D-E-N-I-N-E, Dawson, D-A-W-S-O-N. My husband spoke
17 at the earlier forum in El Centro. I'm here as a resident
18 and a parent. I am the affected. I have two young teenage
19 boys, one of them which 10 years ago, I was desperately
20 seeking medical help for an undiagnosed cough. The doctor
21 basically told me: Move out of that area, because you are
22 right next to that New River and the pollutants are really
23 effecting him. And that was 10 years ago in an already
24 fragile environment. It is just beyond my comprehension how
25 these power plants could be located right here in our

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1 backyard.

2 As a resident of Calxico, we can see the
3 pollution in our area. We can't see the mountain areas.
4 They also turn them off at times. And when they do, the air
5 does clear up so you can see them.

6 And we have noticed an increase in upper
7 respiratory disease. I don't have to go through all the
8 medical problems that we have had in our community, they
9 have already been mentioned.

10 But I am here as a concerned citizen, and I am
11 pleading that you have these -- I know they are not going to
12 be shut down, at least, for them to abide by all the state
13 mandated laws, such as a filtration system, and that will
14 improve our environment and help us eat, sleep and breathe
15 better in this community.

16 Thank you.

17 MR. ANTHONY COMO: Thank you.

18 Margarita -- I'm sorry.

19 MS. MARGARITA DENECHEN: Don't try pronouncing
20 it. DeNecochen.

21 MR. ANTHONY COMO: Could you spell the name for
22 the court reporter, please?

23 A. MS. MARGARITA DENECHEN: I'm also here as a
24 concerned citizen. Good evening. And thank you for letting
25 us be here tonight, but I am sorry to say that if --

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1 yesterday I read that it was 9:00 in the morning and today,
2 thanks to Kimberly, I know it's 6:00 and that's why I'm
3 here. And several people that I talked to today didn't know
4 anything about it. So I hope that's why we have such a low
5 turn out.

6 I want to tell you that I'm a life-long citizen of
7 Calexico. And for many, many years, many years, just coming
8 down the mountain I would observe, gosh, you know, I'm going
9 into my valley now and it was a terrible smell. It was the
10 feed lots, the New River, the burning fields, the planes
11 spraying insecticide. Sometimes I would go through the 8
12 and I could still be interrupted with the planes. So now
13 with the new power plants, you can imagine how much more we
14 are going to get.

15 And another thing that's bothered me about the air
16 quality and all this that's happening, is that what about
17 cancer? We are talking about asthma, and I did have seven
18 children, six that have terrible asthma. Terrible asthma.
19 And so I know what these children are going through. And,
20 thank God, in my days raising them, I did not know they
21 could die. Somehow I always cured them the old fashion way
22 and hoping, you know, that rubbing them and the whole bit
23 would bring them back. And everything was okay. But now
24 that I hear that they can die, it's been this really
25 terrible fear.

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1 But something must be wrong with our air if we
2 don't have any more crickets. They sprayed them away. We
3 don't have anymore mosquitos. I can sit outside and I don't
4 get mosquitos. And I'm wondering, you know, all these cases
5 of cancer that are coming up, are they victims of all that
6 terrible spraying they did to get rid of all those crickets?
7 So I don't know. I'm scared now, I really am, of what's
8 happening and what's in the air.

9 And Senator Diane Feinstein in her news of January
10 20th, 2004, InterGen agrees to speed up installation of
11 pollution control technology. But, you know, I read on to
12 say down below that hopefully by January/April of 2005. You
13 know, that's a long time away. For me it is.

14 So I don't know if they are going to hear us, I
15 really don't. They haven't heard us on the New River. It
16 was in the 60 Minutes. They didn't do anything about it.
17 And so, please, try and do what you can for us.

18 Thank you.

19 MR. ANTHONY COMO: Thank you.

20 We are down to one last speaker and she's actually
21 asked that she really go last. So before I ask her to
22 speak, would anyone else like to get up and make any
23 comments before I accord her the opportunity to be last?

24 Okay. Well, in that case --

25 MR. ROBERT DeNECOCHEN: I would like to make a

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